

*****August 24, 2020*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, August 24, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The Council asked that the minutes be on the next agenda for approval.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

David Wagner, Ridgeway Avenue, informed the Council that the Youth Flag Football League has changed the guidelines from play of 5 on 5 to play of 6 on 6.

There being no further requests, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS "DRIVER SAFETY" MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM."

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE MOBILE AND PORTABLE DIGITAL RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES, TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 21424 FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC, FOR THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 34/100 DOLLARS (\$19,676.34) TO BE USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "FEES FOR USE OF TOWN RECREATION FACILITIES AND THE TOWN SWIMMING POOL" IS HEREBY AMENDED BY RENAMING THE CHAPTER AS "TOWN FEE SCHEDULES" AND ADDING SECTIONS 5-507 THROUGH 5-516, TO SAID CHAPTER, THE TEXT OF WHICH SHALL FOLLOW:"

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 1, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTIONS 7-101, 7-102 7-103, RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2018 EDITION, AS THE OFFICIAL FIRE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN; AND AS APPENDICES TO CODE ADOPTED, AND TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 4, SECTION 7-401 TO 7-405, WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE PREVENTION AS AMENDMENTS TO CODE,."

Council held discussion regarding the new Chapter 4 – Wildland-Urban Interface Prevention. They agreed to vote on this ordinance without this Chapter. Council asked that the Tree Board review this section.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance without Chapter 4. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance as amended.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 12, TO RENUMBER CHAPTERS 3 – 8 AND ADD CHAPTERS 9 - 11, AND FURTHER TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND ADD THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES OF THOSE CODES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL BUILDING CODES OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND TO RENUMBER THE SECTIONS AND AMEND SECTION 12-103 CONCERNING SPECIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-102 CONCERNING THE ICC/ANSI A117.1-2017 AND DELETE THE NORTH CAROLINA ACCESSIBILITY CODE AND

REPLACE WITH THE ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN, AS THE OFFICIAL ACCESSIBILITY CODES OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

4. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 2, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, AND RENUMBER THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL PLUMBING CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

5. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 3 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL MECHANICAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

6. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 19, CHAPTER 2, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 4 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL GAS CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

7. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOMES AND TO ADOPT THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO

SAID CODES AS THE OFFICIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

8. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 19, CHAPTER 3 BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 6, IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2017 EDITION AS THE OFFICIAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Vice Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

9. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 4, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL SWIMMING POOL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

10. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 8 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL UNSAFE BUILDING CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

11. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 9 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL SITE PREPARATION, EXCAVATION AND GRADING CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

12. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 6, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY IT MOVING TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 10 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS TO SAID CODE."

During discussion, Council asked that the heading of this Ordinance reflect a change to correct the second line. The change reads "...by moving it to ..."

Mayor Landrum made a motion approve the first reading of the Ordinance as amended. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

13. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 8, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY MOVING IT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 11 AND RENUMBERING THE SECTIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE CODE FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 6, SECTION 54, SECTIONS 1001 THROUGH 1018."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

14. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, BY RENUMBERING THE CHAPTERS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE AS THE OFFICIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

15. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 19, CHAPTERS 2 AND 3 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, SO AS TO DOCUMENT THE RELOCATION OF SAID SECTIONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CODE."

Mayor Landrum Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

Discussion

a. Recreation Facilities.

Athletic Fields – Following discussion, Mayor Landrum made a motion that the Signal Mountain Flag Football League be able to move the number of players from 5 to 6 as suggested by David Wagner. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Playgrounds – Following discussions, Mayor Landrum made a motion to reopen playground equipment and advise parents to take sanitation precautions before and after use. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) – Councilmember Graham reported that the MACC has had a limited opening. She said the Chattanooga Ballet is limiting practice to a maximum of 10 ballerinas.

Marion/Driver Field LPRF Grant project – Mr. Veal said the bids for this project came in high. He said that staff and the engineer have requested clarification from the bidders.

- b. Water Billing Procedures.** Mr. Veal reminded the Council that the Town suspended late fees and disconnections of service when the pandemic began. He said that other utilities in the area are set to resume normal procedures in August or September. Council agreed to discuss this matter in a month.
- c. Board Applications.** Following discussions, Council asked that an Ordinance be prepared for the next meeting to increase the number of Personnel Committee members from 5 to 7. Council asked that all Board Applications be considered at the next meeting.
- d. Stormwater Fees.** Mr. Veal suggested a separate meeting to review and discuss this item. Council concurred.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal reported that the Playhouse has made a proposal to pay 50% of improvements that would ultimately enhance ADA access and seating. He said these improvements would cost approximately \$8,000.00. Council discussed the use of concrete instead of asphalt. Mayor Landrum requested that the Stormwater Manager, Cliff Fite, review the drainage plans.

Mr. Veal said that the Town is in the process of registration for \$128,000 in grant fund available for COVID expenditures through the TennCare Act. He said that he and the Finance Director, Carol White, attended a recent electronic discussion and presentation of the program. Mr. Veal said that there is currently a question as to whether payroll for stay-at-home employees is or is not reimbursable. They will continue to work on this program.

Mr. Veal said he is working with Public Works Director, Loretta Hopper, and Street/Sani. Supervisor, to develop a long-term plan for the Transfer Station. Mr. Veal said that it is a challenge to manage the levels of materials.

Mr. Veal said that the Governor has requested all governments to review their Use of Force and Officers Duty to Intervene Policies. Mr. Veal said that a review by Police Chief, Mike Williams, and staff show that the Town's Policies & Procedures are in compliance.

Mr. Veal said that the meter changeout installation is going well.

Mr. Veal said that this might be the last meeting allowed by electronic means. He said he has been told there may be a 1-month extension of the Governors orders.

Other Business

a. **Communications from the Mayor/Council.**

Mayor Landrum proposed to modify the current meeting procedures to allow a hybrid meeting. He explained that they will allow some people to be present in person, at the MACC, and some to attend electronically via Zoom. Council agreed to move forward with the next meeting as a hybrid of Zoom and in-person participation.

Mayor Landrum said the BZA will meet this week. He said they will consider 2 new non-standard set back variances.

Councilmember Graham reported that the MACC is the new home of the Mountain Opry.

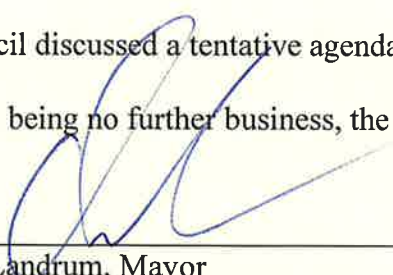
b. **Communications from Committees or Boards.** None

c. **Communications from the Town Council.** None

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the September 14, 2020 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder